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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and  
substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

A filter support for supporting a filter pad or such like in a coffee maker includes a disc with a discharge opening at its centre. Support projections are provided on one surface of the filter support. When a filter pad is placed on the filter support, the underside of the filter pad rests on the support projections so that liquid (coffee) flows out of the bottom of the filter pad and over the filter support surface. Around the discharge opening, a sieve is provided that includes upstands spaced apart to provide apertures. The apertures are the same width or narrower than the discharge opening so that they allow liquid (coffee) to pass from the filter support surface to the discharge opening, but prevent particles, such as stray coffee grounds, from reaching and blocking the discharge opening at the centre surface of the filter support.